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# Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farms

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References; Baltimore Trust Co., Selbyville, Del., Calvin B. Taylor Banking Co., Berlin, Md., Postmaster, Showell, Md.

## Friends and Customers:

I have a limited supply of very fine, true to name, State inspected and certified strawberry plants to offer the 1944 trade; with my usual terms; viz—prompt efficient services. Shipments are carefully packed so the plants will reach you by parcel post or express, whichever is preferred, in perfect condition for planting; the customer to pay the transportation charges on receipt of the plants. My responsibility ceases when the plants are delivered to the transportation company. I exercise the greatest care to have every plant true to name, but will not be held responsible for any more than the purchase price of the plants should any not prove to be as represented. When my stock of plants is exhausted, or if labor conditions are beyond my control, or if unfavorable shipping difficulties should occur during the 1944 shipping season, I reserve the right to return your order and money. No farmer or gardener should try to get along without growing some luscious strawberries. Time of shipment is November 1st to May 15th.

## *The drought affects the supply of Strawberry plants*

The acreage of strawberry plants set out in 1943 was a way below normal and the continued severe drought through the Delmarva Peninsula during the 1943 growing season for strawberry plants has greatly affected the available supply of strawberry plants for the 1944 shipments. It is reported to be even smaller than it was in 1931. The supply grown by plant men will not be more than one third to one half of the plants available in 1943.

Prices and brief descriptions of varieties are as follows:

✓ **PREMIER.** Early to midseason. A good grower of plants that almost invariably produce a very large crop of big, bright red, luscious strawberries. Prices, \$1.00 per 100 plants in lots of 25 to 1000 plants, cash with order, transportation charges collect. Write for prices on 2,000 or more Premier plants. No order accepted for less than \$1.00.

✓ **BIG JOE.** Midseason to late. An excellent grower of very large size plants that bear a full sized crop of exceptionally large, bright red berries of fine flavor and excellent quality. The same prices and terms as Premier variety.

✓ **BLAKEMORE.** Early. The earliest variety on my list. It produces an abundance of medium sized plants that bear an unusually large crop of medium sized to large bright red berries with excellent flavor and keeping qualities. Write for prices on lots of 2000 or more Blakemore plants. Prices and terms the same as the Premier variety.

✓ **FAIRFAX.** Early. Plants grow unusually large and bear an abundance of the very largest size, dark red, very sweet berries. Prices and terms the same as the Premier variety.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** No order for less than one dollar (\$1.00) will be accepted. My prices and terms are one cent per plant on all the different varieties listed. If you desire to place an order for more than one variety, I will accept your order for any specified number of plants of each variety listed, if your order amounts to one dollar (\$1.00) or more. My plants are well cleaned up and tied in bundles of 25 or more plants per bunch. Place your order for "Perdue's Best Quality Plants."

Yours for more big red luscious strawberries. Send your orders to

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For Successful Strawberry Culture order your plants from a well established reliable strawberry plant grower and set them out in rows about 12 or 18 inches apart in the rows in good soil that has been thoroughly prepared for them. Set the roots straight down in the soil with the crowns of the plants about level with top of soil. pack the soil **f**irmly around them. Give frequent cultivation throughout the growing season. Keep all weeds and grass hoed or pulled out of the row of plants. Do not use any commercial fertilizer under the plants before setting them out. If commercial fertilizer is applied on the tender growing plants at any time it will injure them. Early in the spring while the plants are dormant is the best time to apply commercial fertilizers on fruiting beds.

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